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Massachusetts Guard Task Force Parker to Deploy to Kosovo

CONCORD, Mass. – Twenty-five soldiers from the Massachusetts Army National Guard are holding a farewell ceremony here on Concord Bridge at Minuteman National Park, Nov. 9, 2006 at 11 a.m. to mobilize in support of Kosovo Force Eight as part of NATO Headquarters.

The Task Force Parker soldiers will deploy for approximately 12 months as part of peacekeeping operations in conjunction with 34 other countries. They will assist in monitoring the peace process as a new constitution is developed for Kosovo.

"These soldiers are continuing a Minuteman tradition that dates back 370 years," said Brig. Gen. Oliver J. Mason Jr., The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard. "Their predecessors were at that bridge in 1775 and it's a fitting place to bid Task Force Parker farewell."

MEDIA ARE INVITED TO THIS EVENT AND MUST REGISTER AT THE NUMBER ABOVE

WHAT: Farewell for 25 Mass. Army National Guard soldiers deploying to Kosovo

WHEN: 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006

WHERE: Concord Bridge, Minuteman National Park, 174 Liberty Street, Concord, Mass.

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